

HAUNTED BASS LAKE ROAD



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Three ghosts are known to haunt Bass Lake Road and Bass Lake Recreation Area in California, including the Lady in the White Nightgown, the Bass Lake Road Old Man, and the Hide and Seek Shadow Man.

Many people have reported seeing the Lady in the White Nightgown and the Bass Lake Road Old Man. The Lady in the White Nightgown has been seen near the reservoir at the bend. When water flows over the road, visitors report seeing a girl in white standing on the street.

As for sightings of the Bass Lake Road Old Man, there is a bench built on the side of the road dedicated to the old man. He died years ago, but sometimes passersby see him sitting on the bench.

Witnesses report that it looks like he is mouthing the word “help.”

History of Bass Lake Recreation Area

Bass Lake is located off of Bass Lake Road north of Highway 50. Bass Lake was formerly known as American Reservoir and was an important part of the gold rush era flume/ditch systems in El Dorado County. Water was brought to the American Reservoir (Bass Lake) by a series of flumes/ditches to be used as a water resource for gold mining.

From the mid-1850s to the late-1930s, American Reservoir was owned by several different water companies that controlled the flumes. In 1938, James Nichol purchased the property to open Bass Lake Resort, a





The ghost of the Lady in the White Nightgown has been seen emerging from Bass Lake in California.

local destination for recreation. In 1955, the family of Nichol sold the property to the Jannke family.

In 1962, the first references to Bass Lake Dam appear in the State of California Department of Water Resources records. Then, in 1969, El Dorado Irrigation District purchased the property and has owned the property since that time, according to eldoradohillscsd.org.

Paranormal Encounters on Bass Lake Road

I used to work for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and I interacted with many fisherman, hunters, wardens, and various law enforcement agencies. One day, I had the pleasure of talking with four fishermen, who wish to remain anonymous. They said that while Bass Lake is now a private lake, back in 1981 they would hop the fence for some night fishing.

On one night, during a full moon, they saw a girl coming out of the lake in a white nightgown. The girl was soaking wet, and she slowly started walking toward the fishermen, who couldn't believe their eyes. But the woman, drenched in lake water, kept walking toward them. When one of the fishermen asked the girl if she needed help, she suddenly stopped walking

and turned into a small, glowing blue orb. The orb then swirled around in the air and shot up into the sky. The fishermen couldn't believe what they saw, but they indeed knew they had seen a ghost.

During my own investigation of Bass Lake Road, I captured an EVP of a woman saying, "I need help." I believe the EVP came from the lady in the white nightgown, who most likely drowned in the lake.

One of the fisherman then told me that a year after seeing the woman in white, he was driving down Bass Lake Road alone on his way to the lake, when he saw an old man shuffling up the road. The old man looked at the fisherman, so he slowed down. The old man approached his car and hit his windshield with the ball of his fist. The old man looked like he was muttering something.

The fisherman jumped out of his car to confront the old man and ask him why he hit his windshield, but by the time the fisherman stepped out of his vehicle, the old man had vanished. After this experience and the experience he had with his three buddies, the fisherman decided that he would never go back to Bass Lake Road again.

The Hide and Seek Shadow Man

Another ghost or entity that seems to hang out on Bass Lake Road is the "Hide and Seek Shadow Man." In 1996, Trent Glazebrook from Bakersfield was visiting friends at Cameron Park and went up Bass Lake Road. He reported seeing a shadowy figure of a man behind some bushes. Glazebrook thought it was odd and couldn't understand why in broad daylight that he was unable to make out facial features on this shadowy figure.

As he moved up the road, he again saw the same figure, this time behind a tree looking toward him. Glazebrook was baffled at the sighting. Then as he came to a curve on the road and again saw the very same shadowy figure cross the road. During the sighting, the entity's head turned as if it was looking at Glazebrook, and again he was not able to make out any facial features. He then hightailed it out of there.

This witness says he has never experienced anything paranormal, but on that day on Bass Lake Road, he knows that he stepped into an unknown realm and experienced a frightening encounter that he will never forget. ♦